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# PEACE IN THREE WEEKS, PARIS VIEW ALL TROOPS, EXCEPT REGULARS, BACK SOON

## 23 MEN BURNED IN BAYONNE STANDARD OIL PLANT BLOW-UP; TERRIFIED WIVES STORM SHOP

500 Girl Workers Thrown  
Into Panic When Gasoline  
Explodes.

THOUSANDS IN PERIL.

Crazed Man With Clothes  
Aflame Jumps Into Bay—  
Many at Hospitals.

The "cane and can" house of the Standard Oil Works on Newark Bay at Bayonne was blown up by three explosions at a little before noon today. Twenty-seven men were severely injured and twenty-three were taken to the Bayonne Hospital in automobile trucks. Nine of them were found to be in such condition that they may not recover from their burns.

The Standard Oil fire-fighting organization inside the plant declared at 1 o'clock they had the flames confined to the buildings immediately adjacent to that in which the explosion occurred, but the fire was still burning stubbornly at 3 o'clock.

The building, which is about 200 feet long and is on the end of a pier running out into the bay, is used for filling containers with gasoline for export. The 400 workmen fill the cans upon spigots which deliver the oil from enormous tanks at some little distance from the house.

There was a flare at a spigot, which was open, followed by a blinding flash and an explosion.

The whole building filled with gasoline flames which poured out of the doors and windows. The workmen came tumbling out through the fire blindly, with their arms across their faces.

One man ran screaming to the edge of the pier with his clothing all ablaze and jumped into the bay. He was taken out unconscious and sent to the hospital with the others.

The explosions shook all the buildings of the big plant and the open spaces of the inclosures were immediately filled with shouting and screaming men and women. There were 200 women and girls at work near the "cane and can" house.

These and the rush through the streets of the whole Bayonne Fire Department started a panic, followed by a rush of all the women and families of the men in the plant, who stormed the gates and demanded to be admitted so that they might find out for themselves whether their men were among those hurt.

The names of the following injured men were ascertained:

Patrick Kern, 578 Avenue E; John Perachki, 125 Avenue S; Paul G. Ott, 46 West 17th Street; Joseph Kohler, 502 Avenue E; William Oshbar, 163 Avenue S; John Stachniwicz, 150 Avenue S; Henry Torrence, 46 Edge Avenue, Jersey City; Felix Lajaneck, 41 East 34th Street; Frank Brodowsky, 105 Avenue S; Wasy Pariprotki, 7 West 17th Street; Andrew Z. Hucray, 543 Avenue E; Steve Tarabha, 183 Prospect Avenue; Leander Dextor, 340 Prospect Avenue; John Targulski, 23 East 17th Street; Patrick O'Gorman, 13 West 13th Street; Theodore Anderson, 11 West 26th Street; Wladyslaw Okowski, 159 East 23d Street; Demetrius Telick, 37 East 21st Street; Michael Salloy, 47 East 15th Street; John Pedronko, 2 John Street; William Foley, 73 Prospect Avenue; Charles Simski, 46 East 15th Street; Nick Wrubowski, 7 West 19th Street.

## FIREMAN GIVES UP LIFE SAVING THOSE OF THREE KIDDIES

Charles Fransen, Crushed by  
Engine, Dies Two Minutes  
Before Wife Arrives.

Fireman Charles Fransen, twenty-seven, of No. 425 Webster Avenue, Long Island City, gave his life this morning to save three children. He died in Bellevue Hospital just two minutes before his wife could get there.

Fransen was on the rear end of Engine No. 8 when the motor machine was returning from an inconsequential fire at No. 212 East 42d Street. The engine house in 51st Street, west of 3d Avenue, is undergoing repairs and the apparatus has to stand in the street. As the engine was being backed up to the curb it collided with the mud guard of the hose truck and skidded.

Fransen observed three children playing on the sidewalk and realized that they would be run down by the engine if not rescued from their position. The youngsters, bewildered and frightened, knew not which way to turn and Fransen jumped from the engine and pushed them out of danger.

It was all the work of a second. Before the fireman could get back to his engine he was caught by the wheel nearest to him and crushed against the wall of the Lexington Theatre, where he was pinned.

The injured man was rushed in an unconscious condition to Bellevue, where Deputy Fire Commissioner Charles Cuklin happened to be visiting. Cuklin immediately sent his chauffeur to the home of Fransen to bring his wife. The trip of six miles was made in fifteen minutes. Mrs. Fransen reached the hospital at 10:47 o'clock, to learn that her husband had breathed his last just two minutes before.

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## HEAD OF SILK FIRM DRINKS POISON AND THEN DIVES IN LAKE

Frederick W. Heinrich Ends  
Life at Sea Cliff After  
Wading Into Pond.

Frederick W. Heinrich, a member of the silk firm of F. W. Heinrich & Brother, No. 95 Madison Avenue, whose home is at No. 8 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, committed suicide today at Sea Cliff, L. I.

He went to Sea Cliff a week ago with his family and opened their summer home. Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning he told his wife he was going for a walk. A few minutes later he inquired at the home of Mrs. Charles Nostrand, whose husband lay dead in the house, for directions to Scudder's Pond, which formerly was owned by Justice Townsend Scudder of Brooklyn and is now known as Littleworth Lake.

Mrs. Ethlyn Nelson, who owns part of the lake shore, was sitting on her porch when she saw a man without a hat or coat chest deep in the water.

"Get off my property!" she called to him. "Get out of the lake!"

He made no reply, she said, but took a bottle from his pocket, drank the contents, threw the bottle ahead of him and dived head foremost into deep water. Mrs. Nelson launched a raft used by children and tried to paddle it to where Heinrich went down. She was unable to reach the spot and hurried to her telephone to notify the police and Dr. E. C. Braynard.

Heinrich was recognized as soon as the two men got his body out of the water and the physician strove vainly to resuscitate him. There were discolorations around the dead man's lips but it was not possible to tell what had been in the bottle to cause them.

The body was taken to Dodge's morgue in Glen Cove, where an autopsy will be performed.

Heinrich had been under a physician's care for a long time as the result of a nervous breakdown.

## THREE GIRL WITNESSES CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Admit to Court They Falsified in  
Connection With Auto  
Death Case.

Three young women are in the Tombs today awaiting action of the Grand Jury on a charge of perjury. They were committed late last night by Judge T. Malone of the Court of General Sessions after a jury before Judge Malone had convicted Morris Pollack, a wealthy truck owner of No. 1905 Douglas Street, Brooklyn, of manslaughter in the second degree.

The young women—Annie Dubner and Sadie Bernkopf of No. 810 East Ninth Street, and Fannie Miller of No. 85 Essex Street—witnessed an accident on Oct. 7 last in which a truck driven by Pollack ran down and killed Louis Reider of No. 268 Broome Street. They offered their service as witnesses for Reider's widow. On the strength of their statements to her that Pollack was driving recklessly, failed to sound his horn and did not stop after the accident Mrs. Reider obtained a settlement of \$2,500 from Pollack in a civil suit.

The girl told the same story to Assistant District Attorney McDonald when he was preparing the indictment against Pollack. On the stand, however, they gave directly conflicting testimony. They said Pollack was blameless and that Reider was run down because he was intoxicated. Under questioning by Judge Malone they finally admitted that they had falsified in their testimony given to Mrs. Reider.

## ALL TROOPS IN FRANCE EXCEPT REGULARS TO SAIL FOR AMERICA BY JUNE 12

Demobilization Returns More  
Than 60 Per Cent. of Men  
to Civil Life Says March.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Revised plans for the return of the overseas forces provide for the sailing from France of all troops except those in the regular divisions by June 12, Gen. March, Chief of Staff, announced today.

Units now in the service of supply are scheduled to sail 100,000 in May, 200,000 in June and the small remainder in July. A definite schedule has been arranged for closing all the supply section and leave areas now under control of the A. E. F. Headquarters.

General headquarters at Chaumont will be closed early in June after which time the Coblenz sector will be supplied direct from Antwerp.

Demobilization of the Army has now returned more than sixty per cent. of officers and men to civil life, it was announced officially. The total, including partial reports to date, was given as 2,215,161, of whom 112,534 were officers. Sailings from overseas since November 11st have totalled 1,152,427.

The return movement in the week of May 20 established a new high record for transporting troops either on the eastward or westward movement. During that week 123,525 officers and men were embarked for home.

Gen. Pershing has informed the War Department demobilization has progressed to a point where he will discontinue releasing individual officers and men whose discharge has been requested for unusual reasons. If released individually they would arrive in the United States after their units.

Allied military forces ready for action on the Western front are believed sufficient to handle any military problem that might result from a German refusal to sign the peace treaty, Gen. March said. Gen. Foch has under his command, Gen. March stated, sufficient French, British and American soldiers to accomplish whatever the Allies wish in a possible campaign against Germany. French and British troops, he said, greatly outnumber Americans.

The War Department, Gen. March stated, will be able to make some announcement regarding return of all American forces as soon as the peace treaty is signed and the Paris conference decides troops are no longer needed.

Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, former Commander of the Second Army in France, who arrived in the United States yesterday, will be commander of the Southeastern Department of the Army, at his present rank, after he concludes temporary work on an important board in the General Staff Office, Gen. March added.

Steps to expedite the army bill were discussed to-day between Senator Wadsworth of New York, prospective chairman of the Senate Military Committee, and Chairman Kahn, of the House Committee. Immediate appropriations for current expenses are planned with postponement of army policy legislation. Mr. Kahn said he thought the first bill should provide money for an "average" army of about 500,000 men, under expectations that the army would consist of about one million men July 1 and be reduced to 100,000 or 200,000 by mid-winter.

## SIXTEEN ON CREW OF BURNED BOAT UNACCOUNTED FOR

All Passengers on Virginia  
Believed to be Safe—Women  
in Narrow Escape.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The old bay liner Virginia, bound to Norfolk from Baltimore with 150 passengers and a full cargo of miscellaneous freight aboard, was burned to the water's edge near the mouth of the Potomac River last night.

The office of the steamship company this afternoon gave out a list of survivors that totaled up to the number who are said to have sailed last night on the Virginia. It is feared, however, that a number of the crew were lost. Only sixteen of the sixty-two were announced as having landed.

The Virginia left here last night with passengers for Norfolk. About 1 o'clock when she had completed more than half of her journey, fire was discovered in the forward hold. It spread so rapidly that the fire-fighting apparatus proved useless and captain W. G. Lane ordered off the lifeboats.

As the second lifeboat was being lowered a splined rope attached to the stern davit parted and eighteen women were dropped into the water. Shortly afterward another lifeboat with thirty-five women was overturned. All are now believed to have been saved.

The fire started in the freight hold. Its origin was undetermined. A. C. Johnson, No. 324 Herald Avenue, Richmond Hill, N. Y., was on the burned boat. He said the fire started aft.

"The fire bell rang and I tumbled out of bed and pulled on a pair of trousers and finally got a pair of boots," he said. "For a time I, together with other male passengers, helped the crew to fight the fire. It soon appeared hopeless and I was taken off in one of the lifeboats. No one saved anything. Everybody lost everything and only a few people were able to obtain sufficient clothing to keep themselves warm."

## THREE RESCUED IN HUDSON

Boys Fall in While Playing on  
Bank in Park.

Robert Donovan, 11, of No. 417 West 150th Street, fell into the Hudson river this morning, while fooling around the bank in Fort Washington Park. Thomas Donovan, the same age, but no relation, was with him. He was rescued by a passerby. William Drew, who also jumped in after them.

All three were in a fair way to be drowned when Policeman Frances Hoo, rowing on the river in enjoyment of his day off, heard their cries and rescued them.

## KIDNAPPED BABY'S PARENTS DISAGREE OVER CHILD FOUND

Infant Recovered in Subway  
Claimed By Father But Re-  
fused By Mother.

A three-weeks-old baby who was kidnapped from his carriage in front of a department store at 121st Street and Third Avenue yesterday afternoon, and a three-weeks-old baby, wrapped in a coarse, soiled sheet, but otherwise naked, was found last night under a seat in the Hunters Point Avenue station of the subway in Queens Borough. And here the complications begin.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kostinen, of No. 211 West 146th Street, the parents of the baby boy who was kidnapped in Harlem, went to the hospital to-day and looked at the baby boy who was found in the railroad station. Kostinen immediately decided that the boy was his and his wife as promptly decided that she had never seen the infant before.

"But he cries like our baby," said the bewildered husband.

"But he is not our baby," said the wife and mother and she wouldn't take the child away from the hospital.

The Kostinen baby, when stolen, wore a white dress, white socks and a white cap decorated with white and blue ribbons. If the three-weeks-old baby found in Queens Borough is the Kostinen baby the kidnapper apparently stole the child for his clothes. The detectives on the case are of the opinion that the baby abandoned in the railroad station is Mrs. Kostinen's and that she has repudiated it under the influence of hysteria caused by the occurrence of yesterday.

Mrs. Kostinen wheeled the baby out in his carriage yesterday afternoon and left him in front of the store when she went in to do some shopping.

Though she was not ten feet away, when she looked out through the window five minutes later the baby was not in the carriage. She searched the neighborhood but could find no one who saw the baby removed. Then she told the police at the East 121st Street Station and since then the search has been general.

## N. Y. INSURANCE BROKER FOUND DEAD IN BROOK

Edward A. Hobbs, Suffering From  
Nervous Breakdown, Had  
Wandered From Home.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 24.—Edward A. Hobbs, a New York insurance broker, was found dead early today lying face downward in a brook between Chappaqua and Pleasantville. The body was discovered by workmen on the Harlem Railroad and Coroner Mills began an investigation.

Mr. Hobbs, who was fifty years old, had resided in Glenside Park at Chappaqua for five years. He fought with the British Army in the Boer War. For several months he has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and a close watch was kept over him. Early yesterday morning he eluded the members of his family and wandered away. He leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. Hobbs was with the Connecticut Mutual Life Company in the Woolworth Building for ten years. For the past year he has been with the State Mutual Life of Worcester, Mass. In addition he has served in the British army through the Boer war, he had managed a West Indian plantation and had traveled extensively.

## FOCH'S TERMS FOR AUSTRIA REDUCES ARMY TO 15,000, WIPES OUT NAVAL POWER

Although Minister Dernberg Is  
Quoted as Saying "Officially" Ger-  
many Will Not Sign, London Re-  
ports That Rantzau Is Seeking  
Slight Change as Excuse to Do So

PARIS, May 24 (United Press).—The treaty will be signed by the Allied and German delegates between June 10 and 15—or the armistice will be broken—was the forecast in peace circles to-day.

The Germans are now expected to hand the Allies their final counter-proposals by May 29. These will be printed in book form and will be almost as voluminous as the Allied treaty.

## NC-4 NOT LIKELY TO ATTEMPT LISBON FLIGHT TILL MONDAY

Indications At Ponta Delgada Are  
That Rough Weather Will Con-  
tinue Over Sunday.

(Associated Press.)

PONTA DELGADA, May 24. WEATHER reports received this morning indicate that the strong easterly winds between here and Lisbon will continue to-day and to-morrow.

This makes the start of the seaplane NC-4 for Lisbon unlikely before Monday.

## Flyer Sets New Italian Altitude Record.

TURIN, Italy, May 24.—Lieut. Francis Brachpapa, to-day broke the Italian height record by piloting an airplane to an altitude of 23,787 feet in forty minutes. He carried three passengers.

## TAFT AND HITCHCOCK TO TOUR FOR LEAGUE

Former President and Democratic  
Senator Will Speak in Three  
States Next Week.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking Democrat of the Foreign Relations Committee, one of the chief supporters of President Wilson's fight for ratification of the Peace Treaty, has accepted an invitation to accompany former President Taft on a three-day speaking trip next week in the Middle West.

They will make addresses at Springfield, Ill., on Thursday, at Kansas City, Mo., on Friday and at Omaha, Neb., on Saturday, in each case at a State convention of Peace League societies.

Mr. Taft is understood to have expressed an earnest desire to confer on plans for the ratification fight.

## Panama Street Cars Tied Up by Strike.

PANAMA, May 24.—The street cars of the Panama system were tied up today by a strike of motormen and conductors. The employees receive 12 cents an hour and demand an increase in wages.

## WORLD RESTAURANT.

Special for today, Saturday, May 24, 1919.  
Roast Virginia ham with corn fritters..... 45  
Custard loaf and new chocolate..... 25  
Table d'hôte dinner..... 45  
25th Street, World Building—12th floor.

The present indications are that the Allies will take four or five days to study the German counter-proposals before replying, and will then allow the Germans about the same time in which to make up their minds about signing.

LONDON, May 24 (British Wireless Service).—The German Government at present is sincerely anxious to conclude peace and to sign the Allied terms, according to the view of the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph formed from recent events in Germany. The only thing the German Government is looking for, he says, is some alteration in the terms which it can interpret to the German people as a concession in order to say that the treaty no longer retains the form which made it "unacceptable."

VERSAILLES, May 24 (Associated Press).—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau and the other members of the German peace delegation who went to Paris on Thursday returned here this morning, with the exception of Dr. Theodore Meisner, the financial expert. All the members of the party were smiling and seemed in good spirits.

PARIS, May 24 (Associated Press).—It is announced that the treaty to be presented to Austria will be considered at a plenary session next Tuesday and will be laid before the Austrian delegation probably on Wednesday.

The Council of Four yesterday and to-day considered the military terms as framed by Marshall Foch, Commander in Chief of the Allied Armies, Gen. Diaz, Supreme Commander of the Italian Army, and other military leaders. Austria's formidable army of upward of a million men, which was second only to that of Germany, is reduced by the treaty to 15,000 men; virtually all military supplies would be surrendered or destroyed and further military production abolished.

The naval terms are similarly sweeping, all warships being surrendered and Austria's position as a naval power terminated.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German Peace Mission, and his colleagues conferred yesterday at Spa with Philipp Scheidemann, Matthias Erzberger, Bernhard Dernburg and Count von Bernstorff. In the evening Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau left for Versailles and the members of the German Government started for Berlin.

Newspapers here unanimously approve of the "fairness, justice and precision" of the reply of the Peace Conference to the notes of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau. In the reply relative to economic questions they